

# AFR Cryptic (Saturday 15/8/2020) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 SANITISE	It's located in housing that's reasonable and clean (8)	(IT + IS) inside SANE
5 SHAVED	Associates of criminals have devilishly eliminated fuzz (6)	criminalS HAVE Devilishly
9 INTERCHANGEABLE	Lengthen a brace replaced behind one that's identical (15)	Anagram of LENGTHEN A BRACE after I
11 POSTSCRIPT	Supplement rent prescribed in court after appointments (10)	(RIP inside CT) after POSTS
12 MAKO	Big fish man cut down with a powerful blow (4)	MA(n) + KO
13 DEALER	Distributor recalled wine containing alcohol (6)	RED reversed outside ALE
15 BENEDICT	Old Pope bent timeless rule? (8)	BENT minus T + EDICT
18 PARISHES	He is starting with French city and church districts (8)	HES after PARIS
19 BRANDS	Labels right inside the fabric of ties (6)	R inside BANDS
22 FLEX	Trickster held back by cable (4)	ELF reversed + X
23 TIGER SNAKE	Killer reptile is seeking rat in the wild (5,5)	Anagram of SEEKING RAT
26 CABINET MINISTER	Throw away extraordinary item kept in box for government official (7,8)	(BIN + anagram of ITEM) inside CANISTER
27 DAEMON	Alcoholic drink knocked back just after spirit (6)	MEAD reversed + ON
28 AT ANCHOR	A buff shortened routine task secured in harbour (2,6)	A + TAN + CHOR(e)

<b>Down</b>	<b>Clue</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
1 SHIPPED	Transported joint in zipped packaging (7)	HIP inside SPED
2 NOTES	Attack retracted report (5)	SET ON reversed
3 THRUSTERS	Sign of decay in the centre of starship's booster rockets (9)	RUST inside THE + sta(RS)hip
4 SPHERE	Field agent not quite in this location (6)	SP(y) + HERE
6 HOED	Did some digging and sprayed water, missing a bit in the middle (4)	HO(s)ED
7 VIBRATION	Shake one splitting beer allowance (9)	I inside VB + RATION
8 DIED OUT	Duo, implicated in losing proposition, disappeared (4,3)	Anagram of DUO inside DIET
10 NAPIER	Port in New Zealand's north serviced by a wharf (6)	N + A + PIER
14 AGREEABLE	A European national, greatly experienced, is responsive (9)	A + (GREE)k + ABLE
16 EGRESSION	The act of going out, say, worried seniors (9)	EG + anagram of SENIORS
17 DEPICT	Reproduce long story appearing in the Daily Telegraph initially (6)	EPIC inside [(D)aily (T)elegraph]
18 PO-FACED	Prudish school supporting admission of fellow of highest quality (2-5)	POD outside (F + ACE)
20 SWEARER	We are captivated by senior person making pledge (7)	(WE + ARE) inside SR
21 DESIST	Hitchhiker travelling in Mercedes is told to stop (6)	mercedeDES IS Told
24 AITCH	Character may be a source of irritation (5)	A + ITCH
25 UNDO	Release university don out of arrangement (4)	U + anagram of DON